

NLE11 general press release

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**CAUTION URGED WHEN TAKING TO THE ROADWAYS
Road and bridge assessments continue**

INDIANAPOLIS – May 16, 2011 – Travelers are encouraged to proceed with caution when traveling across Indiana roads and bridges.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) highway and bridge inspectors are assessing the structures throughout the state as quickly as they can, but the extensive area of damage created by the earthquakes has complicated their efforts. INDOT inspectors will post “road closed” or “bridge closed” signs when possible, but travelers should not assume that a road or bridge is safe to travel if there is no sign posted.

INDOT suggests that if a road or bridge does not look normal (not aligned, cracks, pavement missing, etc.), travelers should not approach the structure. Where possible, detour routes will be made available, but again, INDOT cautions that the lack of a posting does not mean there is a detour available.

As of 5 p.m., INDOT had determined 37 roads were not safe for travel and “road closed” signs were posted. For latest listing of known bridge and/or road closures, INDOT suggests checking with its website frequently at: www.trafficwise.in.gov.

For more information about staying safe during an earthquake, visit www.GetPrepared.in.gov.

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